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REMARKS

In response to a telephonic interview between Examiner J. Sterrett, SPE T. Hafiz, and Craig Fischer on March 28, 2005, claim 1 has been amended and new claims 29-32 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-7 and 9-32 are now in the case. The Applicants respectfully believe that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance. In light of the amendments, reexamination and reconsideration of the amended application are requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

In this supplemental amendment, amended claim 1 includes accumulating votes in a cache and tabulating these accumulated votes at a predefined time interval. This creates an intermediate voting result. This intermediate voting result then is written to the database.

In addition, new claims 29-32 recite additional claim features. Specifically, new claim 29 includes the feature that, in addition to writing the intermediate voting results to the database, each vote received is also written to the database. This allows cross-tabulation of demographic data.

New claim 30 includes the feature that the predefined time interval is approximately 15 seconds. This means that the votes accumulated over the approximately 15 second time interval are tabulated and written to the database.

New claim 31 includes the feature that the intermediate results written to the database are tabulated memory in order to update the final voting result. After tabulation, the updated final voting result is written to the database.

New claim 32 includes the feature that the final voting results are updated approximately every 10 seconds.

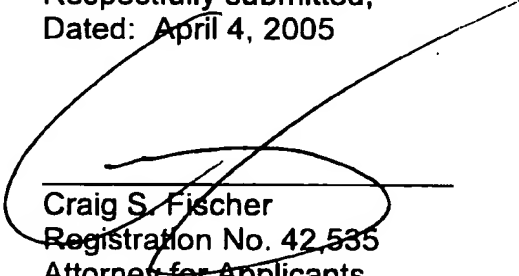
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New claims 29-32 and the claim amendment to claim 1 are supported by the Applicants' specification. For example, see the Applicants' specification at page 5, line 34 to page 6, lines 1-9; page 11, lines 22-29; and page 12, lines 19-29.

The Applicants kindly invite the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at (805) 278-8855 if the Examiner has any comments, questions or concerns, wishes to discuss any aspect of this supplemental amendment.

Respectfully submitted,
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